

June 2005 report by the Department of Justice (DOJ)

- ◆ 73% of domestic violence victims are female
- ◆ 58% of family murder victims are female
- ◆ 83% of spouse murderers are male
- ◆ 1200 women killed by an intimate partner each year
- ◆ 37% of women treated in emergency rooms are for violent injuries from a current or former partner
- ◆ 44% of women murdered by an intimate partner who visited an ER in the 2 years prior to their death
- ◆ 73% of DV incidents go unreported
- ◆ 61% of DV incidents go unreported because the victim thinks “the police won’t believe them”
- ◆ 31% of all female homicide victims are slain by a husband or boyfriend
- ◆ 11% of all murder victims are killed by an intimate partner
- ◆ 8.8 million children witness DV each year
- ◆ 30% of children who witness DV become arrested for violent acts as an adult
- ◆ 29% of African American women are victims of DV
- ◆ 38% of Native American women are victims of DV
- ◆ 25% of same-sex partnerships are marred by DV
- ◆ 15% of DV victims are men
- ◆ 1.8 billion dollars in wages are lost due to DV victim productivity
- ◆ 8 million workdays are lost by DV victims each year (equivalent to 32,000 full-time jobs)
- ◆ 4.1 billion dollars are spent on medical and mental health care as a direct result of DV each year
- ◆ 66% of people killed by an intimate partner are shot with a gun
- ◆ DV is ranked #1 in the causes of homelessness
- ◆ 40% of abusive relationships began during the woman’s first pregnancy
- ◆ Women who are pregnant double their risk of being beaten than women who are not pregnant
- ◆ 26% of mothers under the age of 18 experience DV within 3 months after their child’s birth